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1. AT THE JANUARY 13 BONN GROUP MEETING, THE UK REP (EYERS) REPORTED THAT LONDON HAD NOT BEEN ENTIRELY SATISFIED BY THE REVISED SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THE ALLIED REPLY (REF B, PARA 3). (NOTE: SINCE THIS CHANGE WAS ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED TO THE BONN GROUP BY THE UK LEGAL ADVISER, WE ASSUME THAT THE TEXT WAS WRITTEN IN THE UK EMBASSY ON THE BASIS OF LONDON'S GUIDELINES.) EYERS SAID HE STRESSED TO LONDON THE NEED FOR GETTING ON WITH THE LONG-DELAYED REPLY. AFTER A LONG STRUGGLE, CONFIDENTIAL

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LONDON FINALLY AGREED TO CONTENT ITSELF WITH ONLY ONE CHANGE. THE PERIOD AFTER THE SECOND SENTENCE (WHICH ENDS "WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN") IN THE REVISED SECOND PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE REPLACED BY A SEMICOLON.

2. EYERS SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE QA DID NOT REFER TO SECURITY AND STATUS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ADOPTION OF

FRG LEGISLATION IN BERLIN, THE ALLIES HAD NEVER ALLOWED FRG LEGISLATION TO AFFECT THE SECURITY AND STATUS OF THE CITY. THE ALLIED POSITION THUS CONSTITUTED AN "UNDERLYING IMPLICATION" OF THE QA. THE SEMICOLON WOULD BE MORE REFLECTIVE OF THIS THAN THE PERIOD.

- 3. THE FRG REP (VON BRAUNMUEHL) AND THE US REP AGREED TO THE PROPOSED CHANGE. THE FRENCH REP REFERRED IT TO PARIS; HE REPORTED APPROVAL ON JANUARY 24. ALL CAPITALS HAVE NOW APPROVED THE TEXT FOR DELIVERY IN BERLIN WITH TIMING AT THE MISSIONS' DISCRETION.
- 4. THE APPROVED TEXT IS CONTAINED IN REF D, WITH THE REVISED SECOND PARAGRAPH IN REF B, PARA 3 -- AND THE SUBSTITUTION OF THE PERIOD FOLLOWING THE SECOND SENTENCE IN THAT PARAGRAPH BY A SEMICOLON. FOR USBER'S CONVENIENCE, THE SECOND PARAGRAPH IS REPEATED HERE

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THE STATEMENT ALLEGES THAT THE LAW CONCERNS MATTERS OF SECURITY AND STATUS AND THAT CONSEQUENTLY ITS APPLICATION TO THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN WOULD VIOLATE BASIC PROVISIONS OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF 3 SEPTEMBER 1971. I WISH TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO CONFIDENTIAL

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THE FACT THAT THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT DOES NOT REFER TO SECURITY AND STATUS IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPLICATION OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN; NONETHELESS THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES ENSURE IN EVERY CASE THAT THEIR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO STATUS AND SECURITY, ARE NOT AFFECTED. THE ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES CONCERNING THE APPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION, MENTIONED IN THE LETTER DATED 3 SEPTEMBER 1971 FROM THE AMBASSADORS OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES TO THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR, PROVIDE THE MEANS FOR THEM TO DO SO.

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